

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Byung K. Yi
Serial No: 10/663,776
Filed: September 17, 2003
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
MULTIPLEXING MEDIA INFORMATION OVER A
NETWORK WITH REDUCED
COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES USING PRIOR
KNOWLEDGE/EXPRIENCE OF A CALLED OR
CALLING PARTY

Art Unit: 2621
Examiner: DIEP, Nhon Thanh
Conf. No.: 2956

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2007, for the above-referenced application. This response is timely filed within the 31 days shortened statutory period, as set by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required the restriction of claims to one of Group I, claims 63-67, 69-71, 80-89 and 98, drawn to a method for reducing bandwidth by selectively sending media information over a communication network based on user's needs and capability, and Group II, claims 75-79, 90-97 and 99, drawn to a method for reducing bandwidth in a communications network by displaying pre-stored image. Applicant elects to proceed with the examination of the claims of Group II with traverse.

With respect to an election between Groups I and II, Applicant respectfully traverses the election, because the method claims 63 and 75 are related to each other. Claim 63 determines whether to transmit media information, and if it is determined not to transmit the media information, then an image is displayed wherein the image is one stored in the memory of the

receiving party terminal. Accordingly, claim 75 discloses a virtual image is pre-stored in a receiving party terminal and then the virtual image is displayed on the receiving party terminal. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 63 and 75 share a technical feature of displaying stored images, and are therein related. Applicant request that the restriction requirement is withdrawn.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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